SAINT ALBAN'S CHURCH

Olney, Philadelphia

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1939 AT 10:30 A. M.

SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

in commemoration of

THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE RECTOR

THE REV'D ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL KNOWLES, D.D.

Of his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood
and
Of his Charge of Saint Alban's Church

(SAINT ALBAN'S HAS ALWAYS STOOD PRE-EMINENTLY FOR THREE THINGS: (1) THE CLEAR AND EXPLICIT TEACHING OF "THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS", OR THE CATHOLIC RELIGION; (2) THE STRESSING OF THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE BY REGULAR ATTENDANCE UPON THE MASS AND FREQUENT CONFESSION AND COMMUNION; (3) THE CONDUCT OF THE PARISH NOT AS AN "INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH" GIVEN OVER TO SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, BUT AS A RELIGIOUS CENTRE FOR THE CULTIVATION OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVOTIONAL LIFE UNDER THE AUTHORITY AND GUIDANCE OF THE CLERGY. THE MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS BY THE RECTOR CALLED "THE PRACTICE OF RELIGION" PERHAPS BEST SHOWS THE IDEALS OF THE PARISH AND ITS TEACHINGS AS TO FAITH AND PRACTICE. THE MOTTO OF SAINT ALBAN'S IS FROM SAINT AUGUSTINE: "FIRST GIVE THYSELF TO GOD; THEN TO THE WORK GOD GIVES THEE TO DO.")

HYMNS FOR THE PROCESSION

HYMN 177 (HUTCHINS) TUNE "COLLINGSWORTH"

O King of saints, we give Thee praise and glory,
For the bright cloud of witnesses unseen
Whose names shine forth like stars in sacred story
Guiding our steps to realms of light serene.

Thine arm sustained them all in conflict mortal
With sin, the world, and all the powers of hell;
Thy hand hath oped, for all, the shining portal
To realms where peace and joy forever dwell.

There are the throned and white-robed elders, casting
Before the King of kings, their crowns of gold;
And there are crowns and mansions everlasting,
And palms and harps for multitudes untold.

So, too, Saint Alban, of those martyrs glorious,
Giving his life that God might glory gain;
Who showed the way through death to life victorious,
First of the list of Britain's saintly train.

Short was his life; enduring are the praises
For him who for the Faith his life laid down;
As unto Thee the Church her anthem raises,
For all the saints who win their heavenly crown.

Though, in Thy service, we too oft have slumbered,
Like the ten virgins, foolish ones and wise;
Yet with Thy saints may we at last be numbered,
And at Thy call with burning lamps arise.

O Kings of saints, we give Thee praise and glory
For the bright cloud of witnesses unseen,
Whose names shine forth like stars in sacred story,
Guiding our steps to realms of light serene.

HYMN 604 (A. & M.) TUNE "LANCASHIRE"

(1)

Thy Hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full, clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned Thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

(2)

When shadows thick were falling,
And all seemed sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light,
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous Grace was pour'd,
And this was still their message,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

(3)

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
And cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
Some better thing is stored;
We will maintain, unflinching,
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

(4)

Thy Mercy will not fail us,
Nor leave Thy work undone;
With Thy right Hand to help us,
The Victory shall be won;
And then, by men and angels,
Thy Name shall be adored,
And this shall be their anthem,
"One Church, one Faith, one Lord."

HYMN 228 (A. & M.) TUNE "EWING"

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

THE MASS: VI Mode with Greek Kyrie.....Ancient Chant
THE INTROIT:.....Gregorian

"Give peace, O Lord to them that wait for Thee and let Thy prophets be found faithful: regard the prayers of Thy servant and of Thy people Israel.- I was glad when they said unto me; we will go into the house of the Lord. Glory be to the Father", etc.

THE KYRIE AND THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.
THE COLLECTS: XXIII Trinity and S. S. Simon & Jude
THE EPISTLE: II Timothy IV.5.
THE GRADUAL.....Gregorian

"I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within Thy walls and plentiousness within Thy palaces. Alleluia, Alleluia. I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord. The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord, and all the Kings of the earth Thy Majesty."

THE GOSPEL: Saint Luke X.1.
THE CREED
THE SERMON: By the Reverend Shirley Carter Hughson, O.H.C.
THE OFFERTORY.....Gregorian

"Moses consecrated an Altar unto the Lord, offering burnt sacrifices upon it and sacrificing peace offerings and he made an evening sacrifice for a sweet smelling savour unto the Lord God in the sight of the children of Israel."

OFFERTORY HYMN: 305 (A. & M.).....Traditional Melody
THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH, SURSUM CORDA & PREFACE
SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS
THE CANON OF CONSECRATION
AGNUS DEI AND ANTIPHON
THE COMMUNION

"Bring offerings and come into His courts: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

HYMN 310 (A. & M.) LAUDA SION.....St. Thomas Aquinas
COLLECTS, BLESSING AND SECOND GOSPEL
HYMN 545 (A. & M.).....Traditional (Welsh)

SAINT ALBAN'S WAS STARTED IN 1891 BY THE CONVOCATION OF GERMANTOWN, IN TRUE APOSTOLIC FASHION MEETING IN AN "UPPER ROOM" ON RISING SUN LANE, OLNEY. IN 1892 IT WAS HANDED OVER TO THE PERSONAL CHARGE OF THE REVEREND SAMUEL UPJOHN, D.D., THE RECTOR OF SAINT LUKE'S, GERMANTOWN, BUT WAS NEVER A MISSION OF THAT PARISH. IN 1897, SAINT ALBAN'S REMOVED TO SECOND AND TABOR ROAD, WHERE A LOVELY LITTLE STONE CHURCH HAD BEEN BUILT. DURING THESE YEARS THE PEOPLE WERE MINISTERED TO BY SUCH PRIESTS AS WERE SENT THERE BY DR. UPJOHN.

IN 1899 THE WORK WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE REVEREND ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL KNOWLES, WHO HAD JUST BEEN ORDAINED PRIEST. HERE HE HAS CONTINUED FOR FORTY YEARS. DURING THIS TIME OLNEY HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED FROM A LONELY FARM DISTRICT OF MUDDY ROADS AND SCATTERED HOMES TO ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR, PROGRESSIVE AND ATTRACTIVE SUBURBS IN PHILADELPHIA.

THE CHURCH HAS ALSO GONE ON. THE PROPERTY WAS GRADED AND PAVED, BEAUTIFUL TREES AND SHRUBBERY WERE PLANTED, A SACRISTY, A TOWER, A GUILD HOUSE AND MANY INTERIOR ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS WERE ADDED. THEN IN 1915 ALL WAS CHANGED. THE OLD STRUCTURES WERE TORN DOWN AND THE VERY BEAUTIFUL CHURCH AND CHAPELS NOW SEEN, WERE ERECTED AS A MEMORIAL TO MR. AND MRS. GEORGE LAMBERT KNOWLES. WITHIN THIS MEMORIAL ARE ALSO OTHERS TO THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE THERE COMMEMORATED. SAINT ALBAN'S HAS WELL BEEN NOTED AS "AN ARCHITECTURAL GEM" AND "A FITTING SHRINE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH".

ASSOCIATED WITH SAINT ALBAN'S FOR MANY YEARS AS CURATE WERE THE REV. HENRY B. GORGAS (1918-1927), THE REV. WILLIAM HOWARD DAVIS (1927-1935), AND THE REV. MOORHOUSE LINDLEY JOHNSON (1938). FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE PARISH IN 1906 THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BREAK IN THE HAPPY RELATIONS BETWEEN PRIEST AND PEOPLE, EXPRESSED IN SINCERE COOPERATION AND CENTRED IN A MUTUAL AFFECTION, TRUST AND REGARD.